



TIMELINE: LETTER OF INTENT TO SCHOOL OPENING

Please note that this application is for new charter schools. If you are interested in converting an existing school to a charter school, please see [our FAQ](#) regarding conversion application timelines.

Sponsor submits letter of intent to local board and TDOE	Feb. 2, 2015*
Sponsor submits application to local board and TDOE	April 1, 2015
Local board rules on initial application (within 90 days) <i>If approved, local board signs charter agreement, which includes all elements of the application. If denied, board sends written objective reasons for denial to sponsor.</i>	June 30, 2015
Sponsor submits amended application within 30 days of receipt of grounds for denial.	July 30, 2015
Local board rules on amended application within 30 days <i>If approved, local board signs charter agreement, which includes all elements of the application. If denied, board sends written objective reasons for denial to sponsor.</i>	Aug. 31, 2015*
Sponsor appeals to state board of education within 10 days of final local decision	Sep. 9, 2015
State board of education or its designee holds a hearing in the LEA and rules within 60 days of receipt of the appeal. <i>The state board can affirm the denial by the local board of education or remand the decision with written instructions for local board approval of the charter.</i>	Nov. 10, 2015
Planning period	8 to 13 months
School opens (unless operator chooses to defer opening)	July/August 2016

*January 31 and August 29, 2015 fall on a Saturday, so the deadline changes, by law, to the following Monday.